

Upper Clapton London Dec 5th
1843

My dear Miss Weston

I forwarded two boxes
for the Boston Bazaar to the
address of Mr Phillips as he was
so good as say on a former occasion
that I might make use of him
in the service of the Slave. —

I do not know to whom the boxes
^{generally} are or ought to be addressed, but I
am quite sure a lady ought not
to have the trouble of looking after
them passing ~~the~~ thro the Custom
House &c. Hence it is I have chosen
Mr Phillips Esq. to whom to consign
them. — You have no Ladies
present this year. — As I am
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single handed. I cannot say
that I have benefited by the Stone
Levee. Neither the Lady Weston the
Hon^{ble} Mrs. Sophia or the Guineys have
sent any expression of sympathy.
The Ladies in the Neighbouring out-
lets of London who last year aided
(and last year protested) they with
one consent gave over their work
and their zeal to the Ragged School
Bazaars, of which several have
been held in London. During
Oct. and Nov. I was a prisoner, never
once going out, from an attack of
bronchitis first, and then a continuing
predisposition to a recurrence of
the very treacherous complaint.
Shall you then to believe that
whatever is of value in the boxes
sent from this house is the result of

of personal application to friends
in the provinces many, most of whom
responded nobly. The Chief Contributors
are Magnús of Manchester whose
valuable engravings and portraits ^{are}
not in this Country ^{but} sold under £50.
or thirty guineas. — The Family of Rev
James Parsons of York (one of our first
late men as an orthodox Evangelical
Minister) sent a variety of expensive
& beautiful articles — and their very ^{name}
was a passport of respectability to others
who at 11th hour commenced. —

Mykes of Croydon, the Rev. S. Martin's of
Howbridge's Family also sent valuable
and beautiful work. Miss Sturges Contri-
butions amounted of themselves to 8. Guineas
the Messrs Snewin & Daughters gave more
handsomely — the former are men of large
wealth but in business as Undertakers
they do the upholstery work of the fair
Romans — the wood solid Mahogany the
Belair 18th per cent — irrespective of the ge-
neral male part of the work which my daughters
purchased — but which we

no value if sent out ~~un-made-up~~ ^{& to untie the knots on the top} — we are
obliged to undo the tacks in the green base
bottom of each, to fill them wth sundry
fragile things, and altogether I should
for the ~~their~~ safety of the boxes — tho' we had
proposed packers to do the work. I had
no hope of having so much to put in
one box, and therefore ordered it of two or
three dimensions. May I plead wth you
to order one of yr. Bazaar Clerk, or
boys to address it but one single line
to me by very first mail to say when
the boxes have arrived, or if the things
contained therein were worth unpacking.
We priced the articles as nearly
as we believed they w^d be valued at
the shops here — but very probably
you may not obtain in Cents what
we have bought for pence ^{& triflingly} — Nevertheless
if they add in any degree to yr.
Collection I shall be glad. —
Mrs. Mitchell Mr. Estlin's sister came

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gatherings were on view, and she said she
did not think the prices were high - she thought
the Ottomans sh^d not be under 10 guineas
the pair - and suggested my mentioning to
you that if the Board did not wish
you to see the 2nd or 3rd day of the Bazaar
it might be better to let them lay over
till next year - but I question whether
it w^d not be wiser to raffle them - you
w^d be sure to get the money, and they
w^d not run the risque of being sold
we shall be greatly disappointed if they do
not fetch their price - for they are first rate
as to material and workmanship. -

I have twice written to Agnew to for-
ward the Key to the large Engraving
by post. I have begged of Mr Phillips
to say a few words ^{in the papers} in reference to the
Engraving "The Independents asserting Liberty
of Conscience at the Westminster Assembly
1644." Indeed I do not think I sh^d have
succeeded in getting to break from Agnew
but that he expects the present engraving.

be the means eventually of
May open up a correspondence with
the Northern States. His splendid pic-
ture of the Pilgrim Fathers being just
come out:—and the "Assertion of Liberty
of Conscience by the Independants" is
nearly akin to the other. So if such
engravings be given to you, just give
a review of them in one of y^r papers (at
y^r convenience) and send a copy of such
newspaper to "Thos Agnew Esq Manchester"
it will secure a set of engravings another
year, and pay him a Compliment this year
which he well deserves. —

Please Circulate thro' y^r Bazaar & thro'
his Circulars on the Pilgrim Fathers
we and will you use (if it be by
packing small wares in) the poems on
Slavery and other extracts sent by
good men that they might be read
by y^r people in the States. —
The parcel was printed for our box last
year but ^{it} not be stuffed in. —
St. Massie's "Crime & Curse of America" &

of given gratis will ^{perhaps} be better than
to attempt to sell it. — I do not ^{at} all
like Lord Broughams defending or excu-
sating American Slavery, because "England
introduced or forced it on America" a very Chief
Might instruct his mighty mind on that point
Can any govt force a people to do what
is morally wrong? — Nay Verily! This popular

And truly vulgar error, ought to be corrected.
Brougham however gives some severe hits
from page 40. — It was questionable
whether Brougham was really the writer of
the article on Slavery (in the No 127. of the
Edin^g Review) but he himself in a private
interview wth D. Massie last summer de-
minded him (D. M.) of his Expostulations
wth the American Christians on Slavery
and of its suggesting the article referred
to. —

To persons who take an
interest in Education I w^d specially
recommend Archibald Reintjes paper
book of which he sent me I think
3 dozen for yr Bazaar — His tour

Thus the states is good the small but
his larger works are excellent - a copy
of each of the latter are for the Bazar
and one copy from myself to Mr Phil.
Mr Prentice is a personal friend, his
political and religious views large
nobler. — Partridge and other friends

I see at my particular request ^{to} Mr
book, — and Miss Post of Salisbury (a well known
Quaker Lady) gave the use of the little book
to sundry like makers. —

Were it not for the unconquerable
prejudice the English have to work with
men who seem to glory in their Infidelity
of society we carry all before it in this
country. — It is true the American
Ministers maligned the abolitionists
as a body — but this chiefly often
among our Ministers — and they again
have done their work among their people.
I respect however of all this the
fact that our chief men are now a
text of sapping the foundation of our
holy religion in their speeches and writ

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than to pull the Wretched Slave out of
the horrible pit, must ever militate
against yr cause. That is, so long
as England & Scotland are Christian
Countries. I own no one who knows
me will accuse me of any sympathy
wth American Ministers - If I had an
alloy in reading Wendell Phillips I believe
it was his telling me that his Father
had never been wth out a Clergyman or
Minister in it - from the time the Bounty
was taken. I most cordially loathe
American Ministers. They are a thousand
Hagnau's or Legree's in one Man. -
They are set on a horse - but they teach
the doctrine of Devils. - I often question
(in the language of one of my own Children
Mamma) is Satan up to them? - to return
to yr Parkers & Pillsburys (wth many
whose names I need not mention) I be-
lieve they fancy they can shame the
American Orthodox ^{Ministers} (fully so called)
~~Ministers~~ by illustrating their
conduct and charging it on their re-
ligious principles - but let God be

be true and every man a liar. The
Law of God is holy, just, and true. And
how can Hypocritical hirelings any
swerve from it in their actions. —
We do not question the sincerity
of the American Church. Except by the
Ministers of this Country They are become
a hissing and a byword — And I
rejoice to find the people feel right
but no culpability of American Ministers
can justify the bold blustering of the
Men who ^{are} be wise above what is spoken.
Poor Creatures at heart! weak Papouring
Mortals, hurrying to Eternity without
a Mediator! fancying they are rich, &
increased in goods, and ^{have} need, ^{of} nothing
and know not that they are poor, &
Miserable, and wretched, and blind, and
and naked. — They scorn the
Counsel of Him ^{of Him} to buy, ^{of Him} eyes, &
that they may see — they ^{will} see
will not see — but they shall see

the you doubtless fancy that I
am some ultra religionist
and that what I say is but a
the square dress of the balance
but I have to assure you
that your largest contributors
are those who are grieved at
your determined defiance to any
exhortation on this point.
The Quakers, — and Unitarians,
the Baptists, Presbyterians,
and Independents — and the
Church of England or Epis-
copalians, are every one of the
same mind. — viz that it is
a suicidal policy in the abo-
litionists to pursue the pre-
sent plan: — for so long as
they do they will never
have the sympathy of England

The devoted friends of the slave. are
and they suffer because of the inf.
travels of those in America who w.
they are the friends of human freedom.
throw odium on Him who alone
make men "free indeed" - we are
scandalized as joining affinity
the enemies of God - I do not a
present allude to the ~~living~~ madman.
who w^d "Chase death from the world
and who w^d call our God his
no sane mind c^d have an opinion
but one of such a poor low
one! There are who because
to not wish to retain the knowledge
of God are given up to a Repro-
bation, that they may believe a
But who (w^t the bible in their hands)
w^d be schooled by such men.

Might send if that were necessary
 the testimony of the long time
 of the slave & I am convinced it ^{will}
 give you to know what they suffer
 merely because they support the Garrison
 party. I hope Garrison may be
 all his friends say. but if he be, he
 is more than mortal. No man however
 is to be worshipped by his fellow man
 And as the President of the Anti
 Slavery Society if his devotion to the
 shall be what he professes, he ought
 not (merely to gratify himself & kindred
 spirits) to alienate a whole Country by
 a persistence in publishing Sentences
 which in this Country (blessed be God)
 are abhorrent even to those who do not
 profess vital godliness. —

You will scarcely believe that I have
 had to plead wth Editors of Newspapers
 even want of the Morning Advertiser

before I get time to take up the
Abolitionist Cause - viz before Mr
Estlin has ever seen or written to him
Wth Cassell (then Editor of the Standard of
Freedom) I had to do the same. Nor need I
mention others some of whom I have
cut acquaintance wth from their not
taking part wth the Abolitionists.

All this while they regard as the
wind - but my strong impression
is that ~~you~~^{they} will not long have
the Countenance of the only people
who do help of Bazaar - the best
of people may be tried to tearing out
you suppose that it requires no effort
to aid the Abolitionists but you are
 grievously mistaken - Let me assure
you that there is not 1/2 worth either
from ~~your~~ my box, or the Perth ^{box} (and
I might add others) given for the
sake of the Abolitionists but distinctly
for the slave as it were in fear lest a

Curse rather than a Blessing tho' follow-
Such is the fact unpalatable as it
may be. — Mrs. Stone was worshipped
in this Country but not by the real
friends of the slave. If except the
Wighams of Edinburgh there she
was followed and cojoled by the
bitterest enemies of George Thompson
and other dear friends of Kindred Zeal.
She passed and repassed thro' Perth
where devoted but very poor Antislavery
people pleaded she was encourage them
by remaining a single hour wth them: but
no. they do not present her wth a purse
of gold — and they were therefore unworthy.
But they struggled and worked, notwithstanding
their best or wealthiest people left
them, because of the continuous vilified
belching of Abolition Newspapers. And
you know tho' what poverty and suffering
that box came. And I might come
nearer home. Tho' my own husband
is as determined an Antislavery Man
as Garrison — yet have I to suffer
I need not repeat why

Neither is he a weakling as perhaps
Mr. Parkers and Pillsbury's may be.
The day will declare who they are.
"that be wise".

Probably this letter will close our
Correspondence (scarcely commenced)
I cannot keep it. I have
spoken against those who expect
to go to and to Miss Estlin's
my judge. — To Wendell Phillips
I told the Estlins I should write
and their very last letters begged
me to tell ^{Mr Phillips} ~~him~~ all that goes on re-
specting them.

Yrs very truly
Sabella Massie